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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE 31ST UNGA - CONSULTATIONS

1. ROK EMBOFF PASSED FOLLOWING TALKING PAPER TO EA/K
DIRECTOR APRIL 30 WITH INDICATION THAT THIS IS BASIC
TALKING PAPER BEING CIRCULATED TO ROK MISSIONS ABROAD
FOR USE IN LOBBYING EFFORTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: TALKING PAPER --

1) THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY HAS ADOPTED TWO CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS RE-
GARDING THE KOREAN QUESTION. SUCH ANOMALY CREATED BY
THE WORLD BODY HAS AROUSED SKEPTICISM OVER THE MERIT OF
FURTHER DEBATE OF THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UNITED
NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS OF THE
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VIEW THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE DELIBERATION OF THE

KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD ONLY AGGRAVATE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA AND THAT SUCH CONFRONTATION WILL NOT HELP FIND A JUST AND FAIR SOLUTION OF THE OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES

BETWEEN THEM.

3) IT HAS BEEN THE BASIC POSITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY SHOULD BE ACHIEVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION AND VALID EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. SUCH POSITION WAS UPHELD IN THE SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE IN 1972 AND ENDORSED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR IN THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT OF THE 28TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4) THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IS THE MOST REALISTIC MEANS WHICH IS BELIEVED TO ENABLE THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA TO RECONCILE EACH OTHER AND TO PAVE THE WAY TO THE PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE KOREAN QUESTION WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

5) UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA STRONGLY FEELS THAT THE SOUTH- NORTH CONFRONTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH PROVED TO SERVE NO PRACTICAL PURPOSES, SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND THAT, INSTEAD, THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH OF KOREA SHOULD RETURN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO THE TABLE OF DIRECT TALK.

6) NEVERTHELESS, IF NORTH KOREA SHOULD ATTEMPT TO PRESS FOR THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AT THE UNITED NATIONS, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO MEET SUCH CHALLENGE RESOLUTELY.

7) SINCE THE CEASEFIRE WAS FORMALLY INSTALLED BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IN 1953, THE AGREEMENT HAS PLAYED A CARDINAL ROLE IN PREVENTING THE RECURRENCE OF HOSTILITIES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THE STATE OF ARMISTICE HAS CONTINUED FOR ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. UNTIL THERE IS FINAL SETTLEMENT OR AGREED

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ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SAID ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, THE CURRENT PEACE-KEEPING REGIME PROVIDED BY THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE KEPT IN FORCE SO THAT THE MILITARY AND LEGAL VACUUM ENSUING FROM HASTY DISSOLUTION OF THE AGREEMENT CAN BE AVOIDED. THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT IS THE ONLY LEGAL INSTRUMENT GUARANTEEING TODAY PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

8) THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO IN AUGUST
THIS YEAR IS SLATED TO TAKE UP THE KOREAN QUESTION
AGAIN. OUR CONCERN IS THAT CERTAIN NON-ALIGNED NATIONS
APPEAR TO BE COMMITTED TO THE UNILATERAL CLAIM OF THE
COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA WITHOUT CAREFULLY EXAMINING THE

ACTUAL SITUATION IN KOREA. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WHERE
MORE THAN TWO THIRDS OF THE TOTAL KOREAN POPULATION
RESIDE, SERIOUSLY APPREHENDS THAT SUCH TREND WILL OB-
STRUCT OBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF THE REALITY OF THE KOREAN
PENINSULA AND WILL PREJUDICE FAIR AND REALISTIC SOLUTION
OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM INCLUDING REUNIFICATION.

9) THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ONCE AGAIN REITERATES
THAT THE SETTLEMENT OF THE KOREAN QUESTION WILL BE BEST
REALIZED BY THE EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE SOUTH-NORTH
DIALOGUE AND THROUGH NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF PEACE AMONG
THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. END TEXT. SISCO

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